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## Four New Players to Join the 2006–2007 "Wade Watch"

ATLANTA, Ga. (January 23, 2007) -- The State Farm Wade Trophy Committee decided unanimously to add Baylor University's Bernice Mosby, Duke University's Abby Waner, Middle Tennessee State University's Chrissy Givens, and the University of California – Berkley's Ashley Walker to the State Farm 2006–2007 Wade Watch List. The four will be added to the list of twenty–five players who were selected during the preseason.

"I concur with the committee's decision and believe that all four players are on track to be considered for the 2007 State Farm Wade Trophy," said WBCA CEO Beth Bass. "It will be exciting to see who steps up over the next few weeks among these 29 standout players to become this year's State Farm Wade Trophy recipient."

The four players have been added due to their consistent play through midseason.

Baylor senior, Bernice Mosby, leads the Bears, averaging 18.7 points and 9.3 rebounds per game. Along with nine double–doubles on the year, Mosby's .496 field goal and .773 free throw percentage has placed her among the Big 12 Conference's top four in scoring. Mosby's play has helped the Bears to a 16–3 overall record and an idle ranking in the USA TODAY ESPN Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll.

Abby Waner, Duke University, averages 14.3 points per game at midseason, leading the USA TODAY ESPN Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll number one ranked Blue Devils (20–0, 5–0). Waner is strong at the free throw line, averaging over 80 percent this season. The sophomore joins senior teammates, Allison Bales and Lindsey Harding, on the State Farm Wade Watch List.

Senior Chrissy Givens of MTSU joins the list averaging 22.0 points per game. Her scoring ranks first on the team and second in the Sun–Belt Conference. As a result of her 50 percent shooting and sixty–two steals, the Blue Raiders (17–3, 9–0) remain steady in the USA TODAY ESPN Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll.

Cal's Ashley Walker is having a sensational sophomore season hitting over 55 percent of her shots, giving her a 17.8 points per game average. Walker has tallied six double–doubles, while helping the Golden Bears (15–4, 6–3) retain their ranking in the USA TODAY ESPN Division I Top 25 Coaches' Poll. Her collective 8.6 rebounds per game, shot accuracy and double–digit scoring ranks her in the top three in three different statistical categories in the Pac–10.

The renowned "Wade Watch" list for the State Farm Wade Trophy is comprised of student–athletes who are members of an NCAA Division I institution and are selected based on the following criteria: game and season statistics, leadership, character,

effect on their team and overall playing ability. The national awards committee who selects these candidates is comprised of leading basketball coaches, journalists and basketball administrators.

With the four additions, the list now totals 29 players with the Atlantic Coast Conference leading the way with nine (9). The Pacific-10 following behind with five (5) and the Southeastern Conference in close with four (4). The Big East and Big 12 follow with three (3). The Big Ten and the Sun Belt Conference each have two (2) with Conference USA having one (1) player represented.